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Docket No.: 826.1605

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Hiroaki Takebe et al.

Serial No. 09/577,340

Group Art Unit: 2621

Confirmation No. 5834

Filed: May 24, 2000

Examiner: Tom Y Lu

For: PATTERN SEGMENTATION APPARATUS AND PATTERN RECOGNITION APPARATUS

**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 25, 2004, and having a period for response set to expire on November 25, 2004. A Petition for a ONE-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to December 25, 2004.

The following remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.